

**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!** Please sign our Friendship Register with your name and address. A nursery is provided for children through age 4 for both worship services and for infants and toddlers during Sunday School. As you exit the narthex, the nursery is located down the hall on the right side. Restroom facilities are located on the left side. First Aid, Emergency Equipment and a wheelchair are located on the right by the stairwell.

Sunday school classes are provided for 18 month olds through adults. Listening devices and larger print bulletins are located in the narthex. Ushers are also available to assist you.

Children's bags and activity sheets can be found in the "Kid's Corner" of the narthex.

**GATHERING MUSIC**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Arr. Franklin Ashdown

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**PRELUDE**

"Song without Words"

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 30 No. 3

(We Stand)

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor.

Merciful God,  
**you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

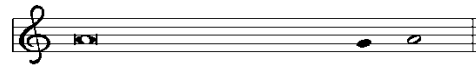
from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



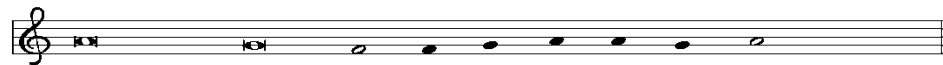
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



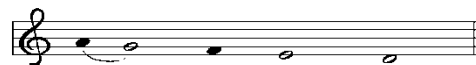
Lord, have mer - cy.



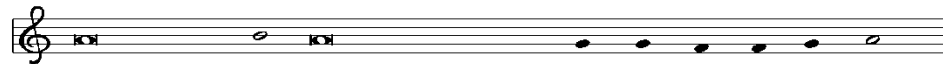
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(We Sit)

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## COUNCIL INSTALLATION

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### PSALMODY

Psalms 51:1-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. R**

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**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(We Stand)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 12:20-33**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

**Glory to you, O God.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

(We Sit)

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Seminarian Natalie Cook

**SERMON**

Pastor Pat

(We Stand)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Restore in Us, O God"*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(We Sit)

### OFFERING

Anthem "At the Cross" Southern Mountain tune, arr. by Patricia Hurlbutt

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? At the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away.

Well, was it for sins that I had done that he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree. At the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away.

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in, when Christ the maker died for his own creatures' sin. At the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away.

My savior, my savior died. He bled and died, died in love for me. Yes, he died for me.

(We Stand)

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

### THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

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## THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ welcomes you to this Holy Meal of the Baptized! We receive communion this morning at the center aisle. Children who commune should be assisted by adults near them. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured of our Lord's presence in, with and under each element alone.

Communion Music "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Arr. Robert Farlee

*The Congregation is encouraged to participate in the following Communion Hymn.  
The hymn can be found in the back portion of the LBW (Green) Hymnal in your pew rack.*

Communion Hymn "Glory Be To Jesus" LBW 95  
(We Stand)

## BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. And may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His + peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Reprise"

Paul Manz

**THE ALTAR GREENERY** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Grant's 18th birthday on March 17th by Michelle and Ivan Black.

**SERVING TODAY: Council Person for March: Suzanne Robinson**

**Ushers:** (8:30) Odie Rawl, Vernon Hester, Bill Carroll, Ivan Black, Aaron Rawl, Pat Bowen, and Eric Wessinger;

(11:00) Ken Matthews, Alon Cox, Randy Huber, Rick Swaffield, and Roy Welch

**Greeters:** (8:30) Amy Shell; (11:00) Ken and Sylvia Howell

**Readers:** (8:30) Lynnne Leopard; (11:00) Jamie Early

**Order of St. Stephen's:** (8:30) [A] Sullivan Hayes [C] George Bernard;

(11:00) [A] Lauren Wenzel [C] Jack Hayes

**Nursery:** (8:30) Suzanne Swaffield; (11:00) Lauren Taylor

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The Rev. Dr. Patrick W. Riddle  
Mrs. Shannon Burnett, Director of Family Life  
Mr. Matthew McCall, Organist  
Mrs. Tonya Reynolds, Parish Administrator  
Mrs. Sylvia Looney, Organist Emeritus

The Rev. Jason T. Antley  
Mrs. Bailey Parker, Music Director  
Mrs. Beth Haggard, Preschool Director  
Miss Natalie Cook, Seminarian

**Fifth Sunday  
in Lent**

**March 18, 2018**

**Sunday School Information:**

**8:30 & 11:00AM**

**Locations for Children's Classes**

**Locations for Adult Classes**

<b>Nursery</b> – Room #105	<b>Saints &amp; Sinners with Pastor Jason</b> – Chapel (Upstairs in Family Life Center)
<b>2 &amp; 3 year olds</b> – Room #103	
<b>4 year olds &amp; 5K</b> – Room #205	<b>Men's Sunday School</b> – Men's Classroom (Downstairs)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b> – Room # 206	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> – Room #201	<b>Agape Adult Class</b> - Room #207
<b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> – Room #216	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> – Room #212	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> – Room #217	

(1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Children's Choir will meet in Room #214 at 10:15AM.)